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Shindig Festival 2024 the 'last ever', organisers say

Groove Armada (DJ Set), Kurupt FM, Brand New Heavies and Ewan McVicar are some of this year's headliners

Lili Sheppard BBC News, Somerset Published 25 March 2024

Shindig Festival has announced that this year's event will be its last.

Held annually at Dillington Estate in Ilminster, the Somerset festival will be celebrating its 10th and final year from 23 to 26 May.

Organisers said the decision follows a "challenging landscape" for the events industry, including delayed ticket buying and a lack of government support.

"We would rather go out on our terms than have to compromise what we have created," Will Lardner, from Shindig Productions, said.

"We care too much about delivering the best parties we can and refuse to make major changes that don't fit with our ethos just to continue."

As well as music performances, festival-goers can enjoy circus acts, crafts, holistic treatments and comedy shows

Last year, Glastonbury Festival organiser, Emily Eavis, recommended the event as a good alternative to those who did not manage to get tickets to Glastonbury.

It was also voted 'Best For Family Rave' by Festival Kidz.

The festival originally began as a party for the friends of the Ghetto Funk record label, and has since grown to become a "much-loved family event".

'One to remember'

In February organisers said the event would be moving away from the Dillington Estate to a different location.....But on Monday, they said this would in fact be the last ever event.

Mr Lardner added: "As sad as we are to announce the last ever Shindig Festival, let's make it one to remember.

"We are throwing everything we have at it and going to make this the best weekend we have ever created. We owe that to everyone."

...and we were lucky to be invited to this 'last ever Shindig' (got the tee shirt!!) and, "yes, it was totally fabulous"... and I hope these random shots will remain as a tribute to a unique event Ralph & Jo May 2024



Photo History

Early ..on Saturday
25th May

Fluffy and Mum





Photo History



A great sunny day and some great outfits on young and old alike





Yeovil Ukulele Club





Photo History

Some of the fun
installations





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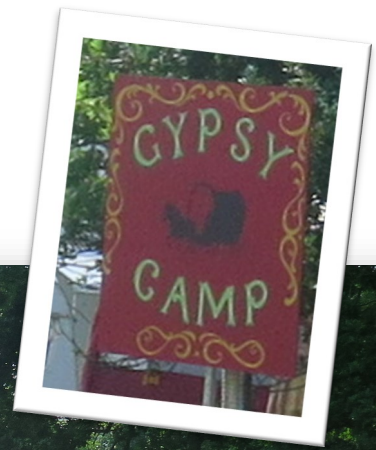




Photo History

RIDES...from the
tame to the 'mad'





Early on before
it got really
busy





Photo History



A small selection of the vibrant outfits

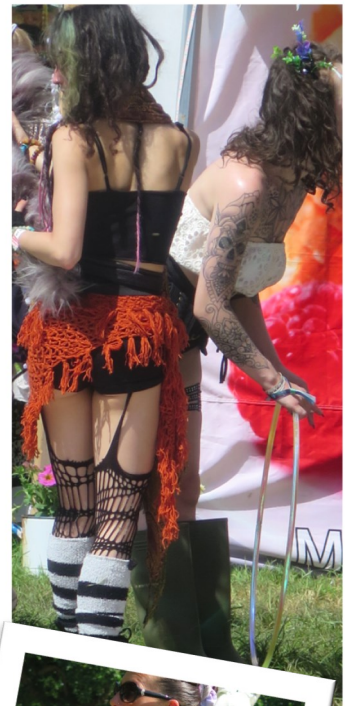




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On Stage



Willow with her group



Beau and Mina





Photo History



A few more shots of some of the great outfits

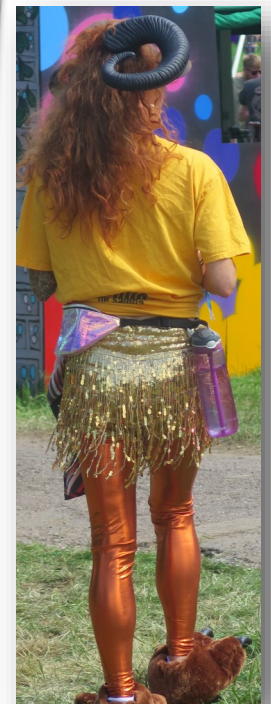




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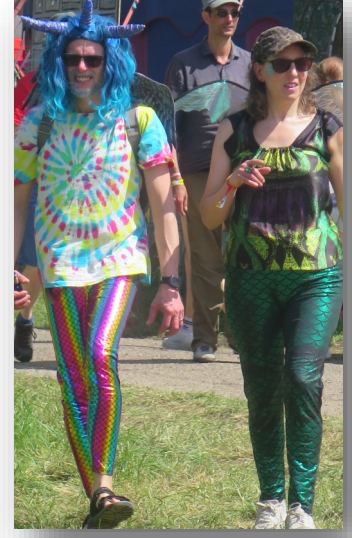
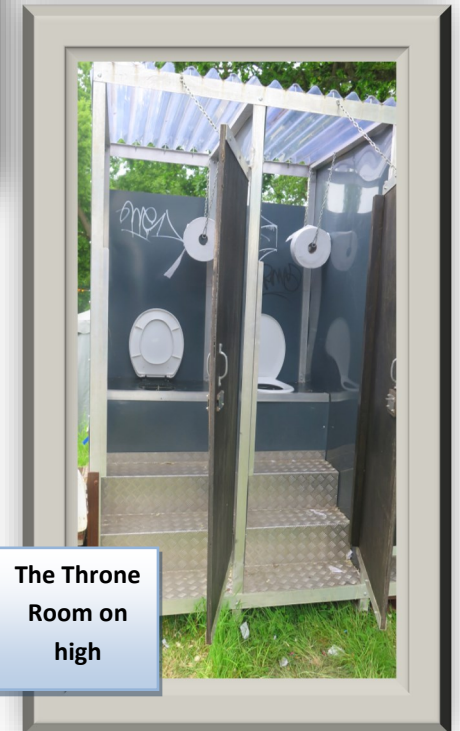




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The Throne Room on high

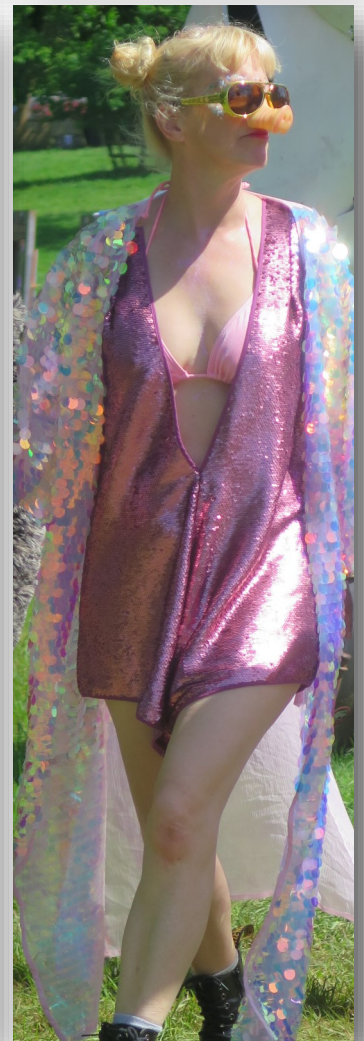
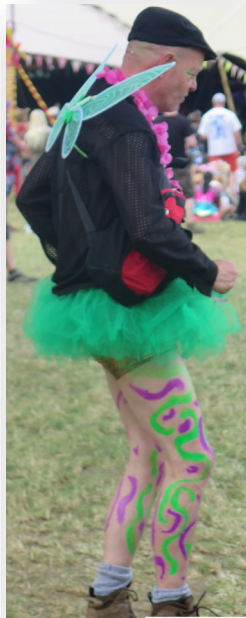
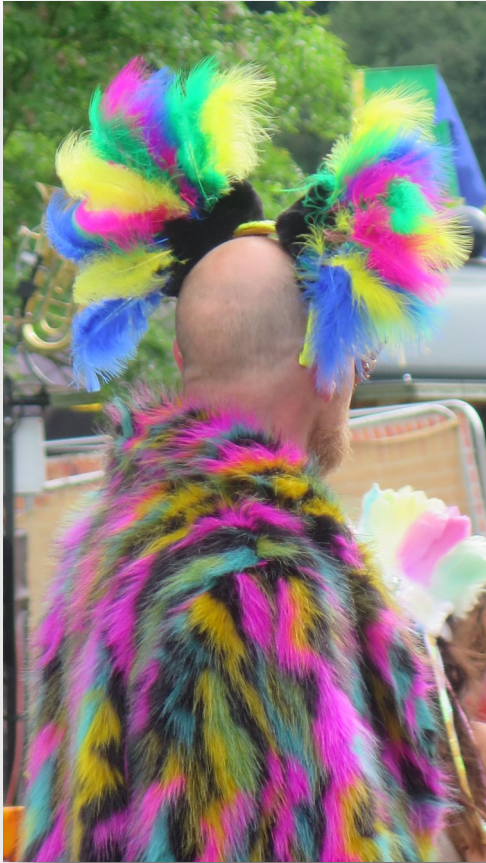




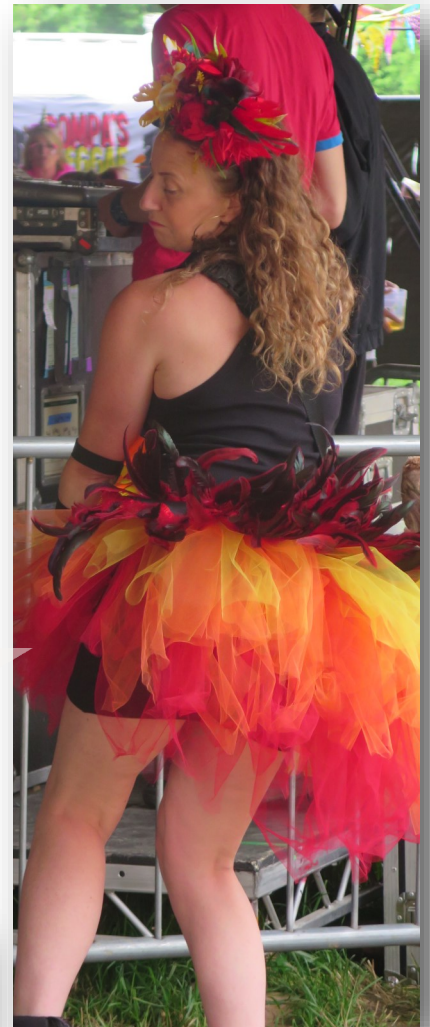
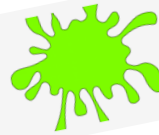
Photo History



COLOUR



EVERYWHERE





The Nautical
themed stage



Fluffee on stage





Photo History



Around 18 airstream luxury accommodation for folk who liked their creature comforts



...and of course tents for the more traditional folk





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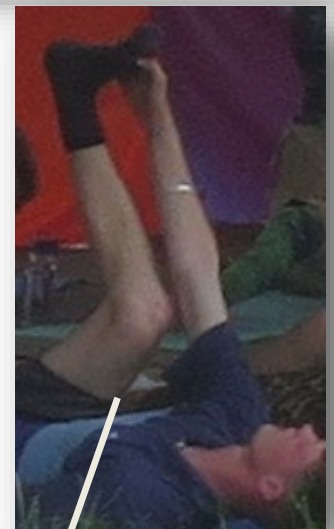
Angela ran the always popular children's area and there was an ever changing variety of games, amusements and acts which were enjoyed by the children (and parent!)



Holistic massage, therapy and relaxation was the theme of this serene area



Making their way to the children's area



The yoga class in full swing





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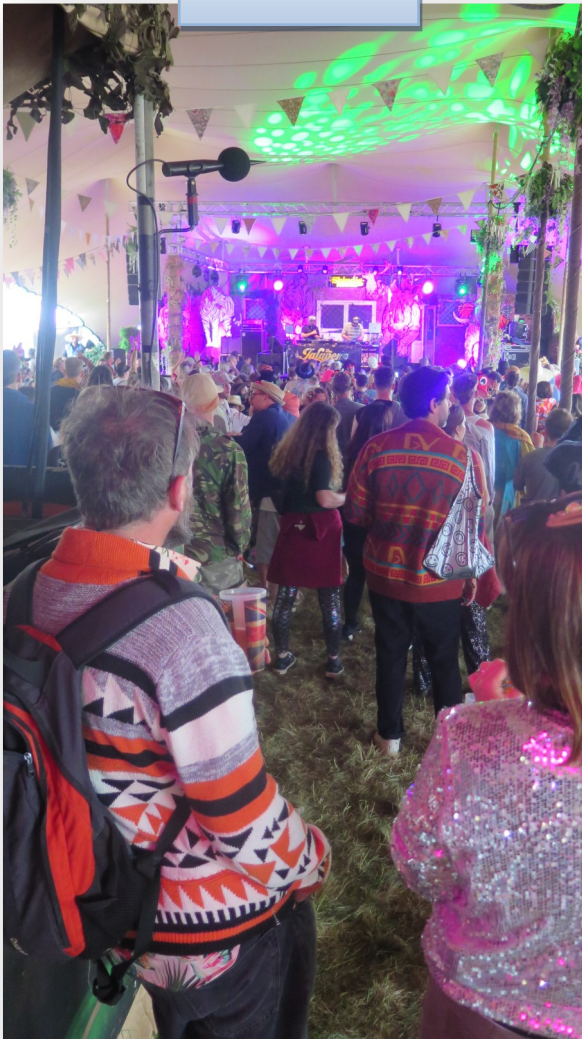
We met some great characters at Shindig





Photo History

One of the popular
music stages



Dillington House provided a
wonderful backdrop for the
aerial acts centred on the
London taxi





Mother and son
and 'love' ...that
says it all



This is a 'snapshot'
souvenir of the last
Shingig Festival. It
will remain as a fan-
tastic, unique expe-
rience for everyone
lucky enough to
enjoy its special
place in their lives